THE

ROYAL ALBERT INSTITUTION,

LANCASTER:

FOR THE FEEBLE-MINDED

OF

LANCASHIRE, YORKSHIRE, CHESHIRE, WESTMORLAND, CUMBERLAND, DURHAM AND NORTHUMBERLAND.

SIXTY-SECOND

ANNUAL REPORT.

God help the Imbecile ! more dark their lot
Than dumb or deaf, the cripple or the blind :
The closed soul-vision theirs, the blighted mind ;
Babes though full-grown ; the page of life a blot.

Yet say, shall their affliction be abhorred ?
Their need o'erlooked ? Shall Charity pass by—
Leave them to perish—with averted eye ?
Forbid, the love that burns to serve her Lord !

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SEPTEMBER, 1926.

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I BEQUEATH TO THE ROYAL ALBERT INSTITUTION AT LANCASTER the sum of free of duty, to be applicable for the purposes of such Institution, and I declare that the receipt of the TREASURER or other proper officer for the time being of such Institution shall be a sufficient discharge for the same.

I devise my [describe the property fully] free of duty, unto the Royal Albert Institution at Lancaster, for all my estate and interest therein, the same to be for the absolute use and benefit of the said Institution and applicable for the purposes thereof.*

* *Formerly a Testator could give only money to a Charitable Institution, but now he can give real estate (that is land, houses and other buildings, and chief rents) as well as money to such an Institution.*

VOTING REGULATIONS.

Each County shares in the benefits of the Institution in proportion to the amount of its contributions, and the CENTRAL COMMITTEE most earnestly APPEAL for DONATIONS and SUBSCRIPTIONS, in order that full advantage may be taken of the accommodation, which has now been increased to 800 beds.

Free patients are periodically elected by the votes of contributors, and are received for seven years or more, subject to the rules and regulations of the Institution. Suitable cases are eligible for re-election for a further period.

At every election to fill vacancies for their respective Counties, Donors and Subscribers are entitled to one life-vote for every five guineas given in donations, and to an annual vote for each half-guinea subscribed annually by them to the funds of the Institution. For higher sums the votes increase in the same proportion. Smaller amounts are gratefully received.

Every Secretary of a County or Local Committee, and every Secretary, Treasurer or District Receiver of a Ladies' Association, receives two votes for services in such capacity; and each Collector of not less than 10s. 6d. per annum is entitled to one vote for collecting, and to an additional vote for every £2 12s. 6d. collected annually in subscriptions and donations.

Collecting books may be had on application to the Secretary. Annual subscriptions are renewable on the first day of January or July, and continue until their cessation is notified. Legacies are invested for the permanent benefit of the Institution.

Cheques and Money Orders should be made payable to the Secretary, Mr. Samuel Keir, The Royal Albert Institution, Lancaster; or to the General Treasurers, District Bank Limited, LANCASTER. Early intimation of money paid into Local Banks should be sent to Mr. Keir, in order that the usual official acknowledgment may promptly be made.

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The Royal Albert Institution

PROSPECTUS.

THE ROYAL ALBERT INSTITUTION was established in 1864 for the care, education and training of the improvable feeble-minded of all classes belonging to the Seven Northern Counties—Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cheshire, Westmorland, Cumberland, Durham and Northumberland. It was erected and is supported by voluntary contributions, and patients are admitted both FREE BY ELECTION and also, WITHOUT ELECTION, AT RATES VARYING FROM 40 TO 250 GUINEAS PER ANNUM. Votes are allotted to subscribers and donors according to the amount contributed, and there are always many election applicants. SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION IS RESERVED FOR PRIVATE PATIENTS BOTH AT BRUNTON HOUSE AND IN THE MAIN BUILDINGS.

The Institution is situated about a mile from Lancaster; and the estate upon which it is erected consists of 277 acres of excellent land in a charming and salubrious situation, commanding fine views of Morecambe Bay and the mountains of the Lake District. Accommodation has been provided for about 800 inmates, and the arrangements comprise every convenience for the specific treatment of the feeble-minded. The system of training is designed to secure, by special means, the physical, mental and moral improvement of the patients.

Besides the school instruction, training is given in a great variety of useful occupations. The boys are taught tailoring, shoemaking, basketmaking, brushmaking, matmaking, joinery and cabinetmaking, woodcarving, toymaking, printing, bookbinding, tinsmithing, painting, leather-work and baking; and there are excellent means of outdoor employment and training in farm and garden work. The girls are trained in knitting, sewing, cooking, laundry work and other household occupations, and also in lacemaking, hatmaking, soft toymaking and the art sealing-wax industry.

The results of training are shown by the following statistics: Since the opening of the Institution in December, 1870, 4,333 patients have been admitted, many of whom have been considerably improved, some 10 per cent. having become practically self-supporting under friendly supervision. Scarcely any case leaves the Institution altogether unimproved.

Epileptic, Paralytic, Tuberculous and Insane Persons are *not* eligible for admission; nor those who are incurably Hydrocephalic. Blindness or Deafness is also a disqualification.

The following are some of the principal Rules and Regulations:

PATIENTS.—Three classes are admitted:

1. Private patients, admitted at rates varying from 80 to 250 guineas per annum, according to the privileges and accommodation required. There is no maximum age restriction, and no residential qualification is necessary.

2. Patients for whom the full payment cannot be offered, and who belong to one of the seven associated northern counties, are eligible for admission at reduced rates varying from 40 to 80 guineas per annum.

3. Elected patients, between the ages of six and twenty-one at the date of application, whose friends are proved to be unable to meet the lowest payment. They are admitted by the votes of the Subscribers, and are received for seven years or more, suitable cases being eligible for re-election for a further period. They must belong to one of the seven associated northern counties.

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION.—Applications must be addressed to the Secretary, from whom all necessary information may be obtained. The Central Committee will institute inquiries to ascertain whether there is a reasonable probability of benefit from the treatment adopted in the Institution, and to enable them to decide the terms on which the candidate ought to be admitted.

MODE OF ELECTING PATIENTS.—Subscribers have the option of voting directly by means of voting papers, or of transferring their votes to their respective Local or County Committees. Canvassing for votes is prohibited.

VOTES.—Donors of five guineas have a life-vote, and Annual Subscribers of half a guinea an annual vote, for each vacancy due to their respective Counties. The right of voting, as regards higher sums, increases in the same proportion.

PERPETUATION OF VOTES.—At the death of a Donor, a vote for every ten guineas of his gift is vested in perpetuity in the Committee of the County to which the gift was originally made; and Legacies confer the same privilege. This voting power is never to exceed one-fourth of the entire voting power belonging to the Donors and Subscribers in the County.

GOVERNMENT.—The government of the Institution is confided to:

(*a*) A Central Committee, which consists of representatives from each of the Local Committees, in addition to fifteen Subscribers resident in the neighbourhood of Lancaster, elected at each Annual General Meeting.

(*b*) County Committees constituted by the members of the Central Committee forming themselves into Sub-Committees for promoting, in their respective Counties, the interests of the Institution.

(*c*) Local Committees formed for the purpose of obtaining funds and generally promoting the interests of the Institution. Every Local Committee is entitled to send one representative to the Central Committee, and also an additional representative for each entire thousand guineas in donations after the first thousand guineas, and for each entire fifty guineas in annual subscriptions after the first fifty guineas, contributed in that district.

The number of patients *elected* by each County is regulated by the amount of its contributions, and 2,298 of the 4,333 cases so far admitted have been sent in this way by the Subscribers. Many others have been received at reduced rates of payment. Of the 805 inmates now in the Institution, 315 belong to Yorkshire, 207 to Lancashire, 107 to Cheshire, 84 to Durham, 33 to Cumberland, 18 to Northumberland and 17 to Westmorland. Twenty-four payment cases belong to Counties not included in the Institution district.

The OBJECT, being one of broad Christian philanthropy, CHALLENGES THE SYMPATHY OF ALL CLASSES, and the Committee confidently appeal for help to rescue the feeble-minded from physical deterioration and mental and moral darkness. The applications for admission are both numerous and urgent. The Central Committee, therefore, while gratefully acknowledging the generous support which they have received in the past, earnestly APPEAL FOR ADDITIONAL DONATIONS AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS. Legacies are invested for the permanent benefit of the Institution.

DONORS OF FIVE HUNDRED GUINEAS ARE ENTITLED TO NAME AN ENDOWED BED, WHICH WILL BE DISTINGUISHED BY A BRASS TABLET.

Reports, regulations, application forms and other information will be gladly supplied by the Secretary, Mr. Samuel Keir, The Royal Albert Institution, Lancaster.

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September, 1926.

SAMUEL KEIR, *Secretary.*

The Central Committee desire to draw attention to the advantages of BRUNTON HOUSE as a Home for Private Patients attending the scholastic and industrial classes at the Institution. BRUNTON HOUSE, *with its extensive private grounds, is pleasantly situated at a little distance from the Institution, and combines for Patients paying remunerative rates the seclusion and comforts of a Private Residence with the hygienic, educational and training resources of a Public Institution under responsible management. Terms on application to the Secretary.*

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MEDALS AWARDED IN 1926 FOR LONG SERVICE.

GOLD MEDALS.

*Charles Kittson, Night Attendant	1888
*Maggie Rawes, Nurse	1906
*Richard Yates, Attendant	1908
Christopher Altham, Butcher	1909

SILVER MEDALS.

*Amy Lavinia Morge, Nurse	1913
William Wilson, Joiner	1914
Joseph Hudson Towers, Attendant	1914
Walter Hodgson, Attendant	1914
William George Heaton, Labourer	1914

BRONZE MEDALS.

*John Winder, Night Watchman	1883
*William Bateson, Night Attendant	1897
*Genista Maud Gresham, Schoolmistress	1906
*Edith May Lund, Laundress	1915
James Peters, Gardener	1919
Richard Bleasdale, Attendant	1919
Joseph Gardner, Night Attendant	1919
Eleanor Marshall, Tailoress	1919
John Taylor, Attendant	1919
Charles Wilkinson, Attendant	1919
Sarah Agnes Mortimer, Tailoress	1919
Jane Farrar, Laundress	1919
Elizabeth Ellen Harte, Laundress	1919
Frances Mary Davidson, Mattress Maker	1919
Herbert Watson, Attendant	1919
Elizabeth Ann Kay, Nurse	1919
Arthur Carney, Attendant	1919
Isaac Parsonage, Night Attendant	1919
May Dunderdale, Instructress	1919
Alexander Sanderson, Attendant	1919
Margaret Bickerstaff, Teacher	1919

* Service discontinuous.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF PATIENTS.

An election of thirty-eight patients was held at the Institution, on Friday, June 4th, 1926. There were no unsuccessful candidates, the whole of the following applicants being elected:

LANCASHIRE.—George Edward Green, Rochdale, 3,059; James Ridings, Castleton, 3,059; Clara Hamer, Rochdale, 3,059; Mary Ward, Rochdale, 3059; John Chadwick Green, Burnley, 3057; Tom Mellor, Ashton-under-Lyne, 3057; Fanny Maria Gaskell, Worsley, 3057; Betty Isabel Pickering, Southport, 2,937; Paul Millican Cranke, Barrow, 2,893; Albert Pitcher Nightingale, Preston, 2,893; James Webster Shaw, Preston, 2,893; James Smith, Barrow, 2,893; Edith Agnes Dixon, Broughton, 2,893; Margery Hall, Preston, 2,893; Rhoda Holme, Barrow, 2,893; Annie Moyra Smith, Barrow, 2,893.

YORKSHIRE.—James Baldwin Bland, Otley, 2,037; Eric Hall, Harrogate, 2,037; Charles Edward Holmes, Bradford, 2,037; Lily Bradburn, Bradford, 2,037; Ronald Gosley, York, 1,605; John Lang, Hull, 1,605; Mavis Annie Beard, Castleford, 1,562; Muriel Giles, Pontefract, 1,562; Maurice Corboy, Luddenden, 1,514; Herbert Lewis Woods, Rotherham, 1,514.

CHESHIRE.—John Bamborough Curry, Birkenhead, 185; Ronald Eastwood, Birkenhead, 185; Peter Gartland, Birkenhead, 185; Albert Arthur Linn Jones, Birkenhead, 185; David Charles William Jones, Chester, 185; William Frederick Hartley Newton, New Brighton, 185; Kathleen Vera Coverdale, Willaston, 185; Florence Isabella Foster, Birkenhead, 185.

WESTMORLAND.—John Frederick Cooke, Kirkby Lonsdale, 62.

CUMBERLAND.—Gordon Hetherington Graham, Carlisle, 93.

DURHAM.—Wilfred Lumley, Norton-on-Tees, 234.

NORTHUMBERLAND.—Andrew Rosenthall, Newcastle, 98.

SAMUEL KEIR, *Secretary.*

AN APPRECIATION.

Received from the Mother of an Elected Inmate.

It gives me very great pleasure indeed to tell of the happy time I have had with my boy. I noticed the greatest improvement in him the moment he stepped out of the railway carriage unaided, when his sister brought him home for his month's holiday. He has improved in every way. He looked the picture of health, and has got much stouter; in fact, every one has remarked upon the improvement in him. It is needless for me to say how grateful I am to all at the Royal Albert Institution for all that is being done for him. Words cannot express all I feel, but I do most earnestly thank all who have so efficiently ministered to his comfort and well-being. It is a great comfort to me to know he is so well cared for. I can never express my gratitude for all the kindness shown to him and also to myself, and it makes me more than ever anxious to do all I can in my humble way to help such a noble Institution.—*September 1st, 1926.*

EXTRACTS FROM SPEECHES.

Cheshire Committee and Ladies' Association, February 22nd, 1926.

The Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire (Brig.-Gen. Sir Wm. Bromley-Davenport, C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O.) presided as Chairman over a meeting of the Cheshire Committee and the Cheshire Ladies' Association at the Chester Town Hall on Monday, February 22nd, 1926. Amongst those present were the Very Rev. the Dean of Chester, the Sheriff of Chester, Major Townsend Currie and Mr. H. A. Heywood (Christleton), Mrs. Barbour (Broxton Old Hall), Mrs. Heywood, Mrs. Lionel Garnett (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer) and other ladies connected with the Cheshire Association, together with the Medical Superintendent (Dr. W. H. Coupland) and the Secretary (Mr. S. Keir). Apologies for absence were received from the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chester and the Right Hon. Countess Grosvenor (Presidents), the Mayor of Chester and many others.

THE CHAIRMAN WELCOMED.

Mr. H. A. Heywood, who is related to the first Chairman of the Central Committee (Dr. Edward Denis de Vitré), speaking on behalf of the Cheshire Committee and those present, extended a hearty welcome to the Lord Lieutenant on taking the chair for the first time as Chairman of the County Committee.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.

Brig.-Gen. Sir Wm. Bromley-Davenport said that the meeting had been convened for the purpose of making arrangements for the annual meeting of the Royal Albert Institution at Chester during the coming autumn, but although speech-making was really not their intention he hoped he might be permitted, on the occasion of his first meeting with the Cheshire Committee, of which he had the honour to be Chairman, and in response to Mr. Heywood's words of welcome, to say a few words in appreciation of the work of the Institution. He believed there was no Institution in the country which was rendering greater or more valuable service or was more admirably administered. Those who enjoyed the inestimable blessing of good health were perhaps rather too apt to take it as a matter of course. They felt perfectly well, and found it difficult to understand why others should be complaining of pain or sickness or disability. In a vague, kindly way, they were very sympathetic, and when specific examples were brought to their notice they gave such help as they could afford, for which they received very cordial expressions of thanks; but to his mind gratitude was really due to those who sought out cases of sorrow, sickness and suffering, and devoted so much time and energy to their alleviation. If they felt sorrow and sympathy for those who were sick in body, surely there was something even more pathetic in the case of those who were sick in mind.

MENTAL DISABILITY.

Those who were sound in mind, even though crippled in body, could still find something to occupy their intellect, and they heard of men and women who had achieved distinction and even greatness in spite of physical disability; but one who was crippled in mind, although sound in body, had no guiding influence to direct and control his faculties. "Canst thou not minister to a

mind diseased?" was the question Macbeth asked of the doctor, and the doctor replied, "Therein the patient must minister to himself." Perhaps that might have been true in Shakespeare's time, but happily we had advanced since then, and in Institutions such as the Royal Albert they had hospitals for the mind which were rendering service not less valuable than was rendered by any of the great hospitals for physical diseases and disabilities. Referring to the specimens of patients' work exhibited at the meeting, the speaker added that he thought the Institution had reason to be very proud of the display, because it showed that, as the result of careful and patient training, lives that might have been more or less useless and burdensome had been enabled to contribute something to the wealth of the nation. The Report told them of the Institution's work, and also gave them illustrations in the form of groups of patients, all of whom looked remarkably happy.

FINANCES.

The financial position of the Institution appeared to be perfectly sound. So far as Cheshire was concerned, he gathered that there were about 100 patients from the county in the Institution, but these included a considerable number of cases sent and paid for by Local Authorities and Boards of Guardians. There were also the private patients, maintained at the cost of their parents or relatives. The remainder represented the charitable cases, whose cost must be met by voluntary contributions. He was not sure whether their contribution of something under £350 a year represented their fair and just proportion; if not, then they must make greater efforts.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

He desired to express his very grateful acknowledgments to those, mostly ladies, who had undertaken the all-important task—always difficult and sometimes even distasteful—of collecting money for this most desirable object. They did it voluntarily and from a sense of duty. Nearly everything we had in this country worth having had been won for us by those who had given their time, money or energies freely and not for any material reward. In their hospitals they often saw that most magnificent motto, "Entirely supported by voluntary contributions." There was nothing like that, he thought, in any other country in the world. In conclusion, he urged them to do all they could in support of the Royal Albert Institution; let them maintain and carry on its good work, upon which he hoped that blessing might rest.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-PRESIDENT.

Referring to the next business of the meeting, the appointment of Mrs. BARBOUR as Vice-President of the Ladies' Association, Mr. Keir said that she had collected in connection with the Cheshire Association ever since its formation in 1886. The late Mr. George Barbour, D.L., was the Chairman's predecessor in that position.

On the proposition of the DEAN of CHESTER, Mrs. Barbour was unanimously elected, and in reply she said that she regarded the appointment as a great honour.

INVITATION TO THE INSTITUTION.

The MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT (Dr. Coupland) extended a cordial invitation to any Cheshire friends who cared to visit the Institution. He claimed that the lives of the inmates were made as happy as possible in every way. They had the cinematograph, wireless sets and other entertainments, beautiful surroundings, and good food, a large proportion of which was produced on the Royal Albert's three farms. Every facility was afforded for the improvement of the defective children entrusted to their care.

CREWE VISITORS, APRIL 19TH, 1926.

INFIRMARY VERANDAH FESTIVITIES

REPORT

Presented to the Annual General Meeting,

1926.

THE presentation of their Sixty-second Annual Report, now submitted for acceptance by members and subscribers, gives the Central Committee the opportunity of congratulating their supporters upon the success with which the Royal Albert Institution continues to fulfil the beneficent ideals of its founders, and of adding to its annals this record of another satisfactory year's work.

Cheshire.

Chairmanship of Cheshire Committee.

Cheshire Ladies' Association.

Although it was the last of the seven counties to be included in the associated area, Cheshire has always supported the Institution with liberality, and the Central Committee therefore had pleasure in accepting the invitation to hold this year's general meeting at Chester, which has not been visited on such an occasion since 1911, when the late Mr. George Barbour presided over the proceedings which followed the usual formal business. His successor is the present Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire, Brig.-Gen. Sir W. Bromley-Davenport, C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O., who has shown his interest in the work and welfare of the Institution by a persuasive appeal for continued sympathy and support, delivered at a meeting of the County Committee and the Cheshire Ladies' Association in February last. Though the Cheshire Association was not founded until 1886, the enthusiasm of its members is shown by the fact that during the intervening forty years they have collected an aggregate of over £16,500. Mrs. Powell heads the list of Cheshire Collectors with the splendid total of £640 obtained since 1904. Mrs. Barbour comes next with £394 since 1886,

and is followed by Miss Pownall with £208 since 1911, Mrs. Tipton with £198 since 1886, Mrs. Salmon with £188 since 1887, and Miss Beausire with £173 since 1908. Mrs. Barbour's long and valuable services have been recognised by her appointment as a Vice-President of the Cheshire Association, of which the Right Hon. Countess Grosvenor is President. The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer is Mrs. Lionel Garnett, who took over the duties last year upon the retirement of Miss Macfie.

Annual General Meeting.

Last year's annual general meeting, held in the Rochdale Town Hall on the 23rd of October, attracted an unusually large attendance, and was notable for the success of a special appeal promoted by the Hon. Treasurer of the Rochdale Committee (Councillor Wm. Crossley), which brought in new contributions amounting to over £1,133, including a munificent donation of £1,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Lye, and £25 from Mrs. Greenwood, who for many years collected large amounts at Todmorden in connection with the Rochdale Association. The donations have been invested in the purchase of £1,500 Rochdale Corporation 3½ per cent. Stock, thus permanently improving the local position with respect to the Institution to the extent of £52 10s. 0d. annually. As Chairman of the Central Committee, the Right Hon. Lord Richard Cavendish presided over the formal business of the annual meeting, the chair at the subsequent public meeting being taken by the Mayor of Rochdale (Ald. E. Thomas). In reviewing the progress and requirements of the Institution, Lord Richard Cavendish said that he and his colleagues had pleasure in revisiting their Rochdale friends after an interval of fourteen years. He continued:

Rochdale Appeal.

Right Hon. Lord Richard Cavendish.

In commending any Institution for continued and increased support, it was necessary to satisfy the charitable public on two points. Firstly, is there urgent need for such an Institution? Secondly, assuming that to be the case, is the management of the Institution such as to warrant their support? The public conscience during recent years had been greatly stirred with regard to the question of responsibility for the feeble-minded, and this awakened interest left no doubt as to the need for institutional treatment such as the Royal Albert afforded. This need was in no way diminished but rather increased by Government enactments during recent years. Though much had been done towards coping with this difficulty, he could say with absolute certainty that not for very many years, if ever, would it be possible to diminish in any way the activities of their Institution, since the Royal Albert supplied a public need which could not be met in any other way. Legislation might give increased powers for dealing with the mentally deficient, but without

disparagement to Boards of Guardians, he was quite convinced that they could not, in disused workhouses, give treatment equivalent to that which the Royal Albert afforded to its inmates. It could not be too strongly emphasised that the Institution was not a mere place of detention, but was a remedial and educational establishment for the training and betterment of the improvable feeble-minded. That was the object of the original founders, and it was along those lines that the present Committee intended to carry on the work. All concerned in the management were much alive to the strict necessity for carrying on the business in an economical manner. Anything subscribed would go to help some needy patient, and he wished to say once more how great the need really was. As the result of recent legislation on behalf of the mentally deficient, cases, often of the saddest nature, were continually being discovered, in which the only chance for the child was treatment such as the Royal Albert provided, and they might rest satisfied that there were no limits to the opportunities for the expansion of its work.

Ald. J. R. Heape.

At the same meeting, the following persuasive appeal was made by the Chairman of the Rochdale Committee (Ald. J. R. Heape):

These were difficult times, but their difficulties were not so great that they need allow such a beneficent enterprise to be crippled in any way for want of funds. He wished to emphasise the Institution's claim for increased support. Many charities were called into existence to supply a more or less temporary need and then gave way to others, but that was not the case with the Royal Albert, which dealt with a great natural problem—the feeble-minded members of the community. Only a small proportion were receiving the treatment which they should have to make the best of their condition. A considerable percentage of the inmates of workhouses, reformatories, maternity homes and prisons were feeble-minded. How to deal with adults was an insoluble problem; it was much easier to deal with those who had not reached adolescence. The Institution dealt with improvable cases which would otherwise lack attention and training, and a certain percentage were benefited and returned to their homes able to do something towards earning a livelihood. Others were improved in their habits, and thus became less burdensome to their parents. For those capable of receiving it, training was given in a dozen industries. The farm and garden offered suitable employment for those fitted for work of that kind, whilst the girls were trained in a variety of household occupations. The inmates had such pleasures as they were able to enjoy, and all this played an important part in their training, and surrounded them with an atmosphere of contentment and happiness. The work in which the Institution was engaged contained a threefold benefit. Firstly, the life of the individual was rendered as useful as possible; secondly, the home from which the child came and which was overshadowed by its care was greatly and often permanently relieved; and, thirdly, a contribution was made to the solution of a national problem. These facts would help them to realise what was being done on behalf of those whom they profoundly pitied and desired to help.

Election of Patients.

The result of this year's election of patients was declared by the Central Committee on the 4th of June, when the whole of the 38 applicants were elected. They included sixteen patients who were due for discharge upon the expiration of the usual election term but whose retention was deemed advisable; whilst the election of the twenty-two fresh candidates increased to no fewer than 2,298 the number of inmates admitted during the past 56 years through the votes of the subscribers, or more than half the total number of 4,333 patients so far dealt with. The successful applicants comprised sixteen from Lancashire, ten from Yorkshire, eight from Cheshire, and one each from Westmorland, Cumberland, Durham and Northumberland. The average number of patients resident during the past year was 798, but on the 31st of March the number on the books was 805, made up of 315 from Yorkshire, 207 from Lancashire, 107 from Cheshire, 84 from Durham, 33 from Cumberland, 18 from Northumberland, 17 from Westmorland, and 24 from counties outside the associated area.

Charitable Work.

Number of Inmates.

Finances.

So far as the receipts are concerned, the adoption of a new system of dealing with the annual accounts invalidates comparison with the figures for previous years, but the discrepancy in question will disappear in future returns. Meanwhile the Committee have pleasure in reporting that the financial position of the Institution remains perfectly satisfactory, notwithstanding an unavoidable increase in the average cost of maintenance, due mainly to charges for repairs and renewals which could no longer be delayed. The Sustentation Fund continues to be augmented through the generosity of deceased benefactors, whose bequests are always invested for the permanent benefit of the Institution, and the following legacies, received during the past financial year, are most gratefully acknowledged:

Legacies.

Miss Sarah Scholes Wrigley, Windermere.....	£4,306	10	10
Mrs. Mary Dodson, Over Wyresdale	£266	11	5
Thomas Radcliffe, Blackburn (additional, making £2,858 8s. 0d.)	£228	0	0
Mrs. Mary Barnston, Chorlton, Malpas	£100	0	0
Mrs. Helen Stewart, West Hartlepool.....	£100	0	0
Nicholas Harrison, Chester (additional, making £237 8s. 9d.)	£8	8	9

Staff Superannuation.

One notable innovation during the past year has been the adoption of a scheme of staff superannuation, applicable to all full-time employees from 18 to 65 years of age, with the

exception of those who may be provided for under the School Teachers' Superannuation Act of 1918. The qualifying period is fifteen years' service, and the retiring age has been fixed at 65 years. As showing the urgent necessity for the scheme, which came into operation at the beginning of January last, it may be mentioned that fourteen members of the staff had to be excluded because they were above the maximum age, whilst seven others are already in receipt of retiring allowances. The scheme is a contributory one, and on the 31st of March it had been adopted by 179 of the present staff. The first Trustees of the Superannuation Fund are Mr. Wm. Briggs, Mr. Richard Smith and Mr. John Welch (appointed by the Central Committee), and Mr. B. Owen and Miss Elizabeth Metcalfe (appointed by the staff), with Mr. S. Keir as the Secretary. Before the scheme was adopted, it was submitted for the Board of Control's approval, and a satisfactory actuarial report was received from Mr. Duncan C. Fraser, F.I.A. The Committee hope that this provision may add materially to the advantages enjoyed by those who enter the service of the Institution. They acknowledge very cordially the valuable assistance rendered by Capt. C. W. Mayer, the scheme being modelled upon the one devised by him for the staff of the Western Counties Institution at Starcross in Devonshire.

Superannuation Trustees.

Capt. C. W. Mayer.

Here it may be of interest to note that of the present members of the staff 41 have been awarded gold medals for not less than seventeen years' service, 17 silver medals for twelve years' service, and 47 bronze medals for seven years' service. Included in these totals are two gold medals, four silver medals and eight bronze medals distributed by Lord Richard Cavendish on the 25th of September, 1925.

Long-service Medals.

The Committee wish to acknowledge with grateful thanks the most excellent work of the Medical Superintendent in the management of the Institution, with its many responsibilities. They appreciate the valuable help he receives from the Senior Medical Officer (Dr. C. J. Henderson) and his colleague (Dr. H. J. Appleyard), and also from the Matron (Miss Siviour) and all the other officials and members of the staff.

Medical Superintendent.

Assistant Medical Officers and Staff.

The Committee also recognise the very efficient services of their Secretary (Mr. Keir) and his staff of able assistants.

Secretary and Office Staff

Hon. Officers and Collectors.

Turning now to the voluntary helpers, the Committee have again to acknowledge the very valuable assistance which continues to be rendered by the Hon. Officers and Collectors of the various Ladies' Associations, as well as by the Hon. Officers of the County and Local Committees. Their services are recognised all the more gratefully because of the difficulties with which they have had to contend through prolonged industrial unrest and trade depression, which have been severely felt in the counties comprised within the Institution's associated area. The success with which these difficulties have been faced and overcome is reflected in the annual returns, but it is hoped that during the coming year the canvass may be renewed under much pleasanter and more favourable conditions. The general strike caused the cancellation of the annual meetings of the Cumberland, Cheshire, Manchester, Rochdale, Southport and Liverpool Committees and Ladies' Associations, but all other meetings were held in accordance with the prearranged programme. Most of them attracted exceptionally good attendances, especially the one at York, which was arranged jointly with the Yorkshire Association of Mental Welfare; and the Committee are indebted to Ald. C. F. Tetley (Chairman of the Yorkshire Committee), Col. Haworth (Chairman of the Westmorland Committee) and Mr. Edward Moser (Hon. Secretary), Mrs. Shafto (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Durham County Association) and Mrs. Harrison, and Mr. A. R. Pollit (Chairman of the Halifax Committee), for the hospitality kindly offered by them on these occasions. The Committee are also very grateful for the support received from the newspaper press of the seven northern counties; for the assistance rendered by the Rev. H. B. Edwards (Lancaster), Rev. J. E. Faulkner (Werneth), Rev. H. L. Hornby (St. Michael-on-Wyre), Rev. J. T. Lawton (Leigh) and the Rev. W. B. Sherwen (Dean), by whom collections in aid of the Institution have been promoted during the year; and for the valuable services of their Hon. Solicitors (Messrs. Gibson & Sturton), who are always ready to advise upon legal questions.

Annual Meetings.

Acknowledgments.

Press Support.

Pulpit Advocacy.

Hon. Solicitors.

Voluntary Income.

Details of the amount contributed in subscriptions, donations and legacies by each of the associated counties during the year are given in the following table. Comparison with the previous year's figure shows an advance of £2,237 19s. 8d. in the total, due entirely to the increased amount received in legacies:

Counties.	Maintenance Account.		Sustentation Fund Account.		Total.
	Annual Subscriptions.	Donations.	Legacies.	Donations.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Lancashire	1782 5 9	8 16 8	4801 2 3	1000 0 0	7592 4 8
Yorkshire	923 15 1	4 15 8	... ...	105 0 0	1033 10 9
Cheshire	327 15 4	10 0	108 8 9	... ...	436 14 1
Durham	277 11 9	... ...	100 0 0	... ...	377 11 9
Cumberland	197 0 0	11 0 0	... ...	... ...	208 0 0
Northumberland	161 17 6	... ...	... ...	... ...	161 17 6
Westmorland	143 15 0	10 0 0	... ...	... ...	153 15 0
	3814 0 5	35 2 4	5009 11 0	1105 0 0	9963 13 9

Ladies' Associations.

Reference has already been made to the splendid work accomplished by the members of the various Ladies' Associations, whose aggregate collection, from the formation of the first of these organisations at Durham in 1875 to the close of the past financial year, amounts to the magnificent total of £115,903. Appended are details of the past year's collection:

Details of Annual Collection.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
MANCHESTER & SOUTH LANCASHIRE:			
Manchester and Salford	230 12 3		
Rochdale Branch	77 5 6		
Bury Branch	68 18 6		
Burnley Branch	38 1 1		
Wigan, Ashton and Leigh	27 7 6		
Bolton Branch	26 3 0		
Warrington Branch	21 8 0		
Oldham Branch	20 2 0		
		509 17 10	
LIVERPOOL		133 5 9	
SOUTHPORT		108 2 6	
LANCASTER		46 10 0	
NORTH LONSDALE		41 4 0	
BLACKBURN		25 17 6	
PRESTON		10 19 0	
Total of Lancashire Collections ...			875 16 7
HALIFAX		222 9 0	
BRADFORD		130 18 6	
HUDDERSFIELD		120 6 0	
LEEDS		50 9 0	
YORK, THIRSK and N. & E. RIDINGS		26 17 6	
SHEFFIELD and SOUTH YORKSHIRE ...		21 5 1	
Total of Yorkshire Collections ...			572 5 1
CHESHIRE			313 11 4
DURHAM			259 19 9
CUMBERLAND			181 15 0
WESTMORLAND			133 15 6
NORTHUMBERLAND and NEWCASTLE			128 7 0
Total Collection for 1925-26			£2465 10 3

Individual Aggregates.

Recent Reports have given particulars of exceptionally large aggregates obtained by some of the more successful lady helpers, headed by Lady Priestley (President of the Bradford and Craven District Association) with a total of £2,030 since 1885; whilst the work of all the Hon. Officers and Collectors, who number over four hundred, is individually acknowledged in the various local Subscription Lists, which are reprinted annually. The following list has consequently been restricted to ladies who have succeeded in collecting not less than £15 each during the past financial year:

Individual Collections.

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Lister Brook, Brighouse	87	9	6
Mrs. J. C. Ellison, Liverpool	64	1	6
Miss I. B. Thomson, Huddersfield	56	3	6
Lady Priestley, Bradford	46	6	0
Lady Paton, Southport	33	9	0
Mrs. J. A. Ingham, Todmorden	33	4	0
Mrs. F. Rouse and Mrs. Patchett, Cleckheaton	32	0	6
Miss K. Laing, Newcastle	28	3	6
Miss H. Taylor Smith, West Hartlepool	27	0	6
Miss A. Annandale, Lancaster	26	17	0
Mrs. M. Ramsay, Blackburn	25	17	3
Mrs. Percy Leigh, Worsley	24	17	6
Miss Mann, Windermere	24	11	6
Mrs. C. D. Shafto, Durham	24	5	6
Mrs. Eliot Cohen, Liverpool	23	18	0
Mrs. J. Crossley Wright, Halifax	22	9	0
Mrs. E. Pilkington Turner, Manchester	21	15	6
Mrs. H. Harvey, Bowdon	21	15	0
Miss E. Cameron Mawson, Gateshead	21	0	0
Mrs. M. E. Grimes, Seaham Harbour	19	6	6
Miss Hoyle, Hebden Bridge	19	0	6
Mrs. Lionel Garnett, Chester	18	15	0
Mrs. Anthony Wilson, Keswick	18	9	6
Miss J. W. Crook, Bolton	17	14	6
Miss M. Pownall, Neston	17	3	6
Mrs. W. Scott, Monkseaton	16	14	0
Miss J. E. Webb, Bury	16	12	0
Miss F. A. Walton, Burnley	15	16	6
Mrs. Grommé, Manchester	15	14	0
Miss Gaskell, Southport	15	11	6
Miss Eastwood, Luddenden	15	9	0
Mrs. Stirling, Penrith	15	4	0
Miss H. Vaughan, Manchester	15	4	0

Deaths.

Since the last Report was written, death has unfortunately deprived the Institution of some of its oldest friends and supporters. These losses, which are recorded with great regret, include the senior member of the Central Committee in Sir R. A. Allison, who had for 56 years served as a Cumberland representative, besides acting for many years as the Hon.

Treasurer of the Cumberland Committee. Sir Charles Brown, who left the Institution a legacy of £100, vied with Sir R. A. Allison in length of service, having held the Hon. Secretaryship of the Preston Committee for the long period of 53 years. In Mr. J. E. Willans, who had for six years past acted as Chairman of the Huddersfield Committee and for 24 years previously as Hon. Treasurer, the Central Committee lose a local representative with twenty years' service to his credit; whilst the death of Sir Frederick Mott, K.B.E., M.D., F.R.S., whose interesting and valuable address will be remembered by those who were present at the last quinquennial festival (September 28th, 1923), deprives the Royal Albert of one of its distinguished Hon. Consulting Physicians. Well-known members of the Cheshire Ladies' Association and the Westmorland, Halifax and Huddersfield Committees respectively have been removed by the deaths of Mrs. Pitcairn Campbell, Sir J. W. Weston, Sir F. W. Whitley-Thomson and Mr. Benjamin Broadbent, C.B.E.

Resignations.

Retirement or removal have also been responsible for serious losses during the year. Mr. W. G. Welch's resignation of the Vice-Chairmanship of the Central Committee and the Chairmanship of the House Committee was accepted with great regret, coupled with a cordial expression of thanks for the very valuable services rendered by him in those capacities. His colleagues upon the Central Committee, which Mr. Welch joined as a Lancaster representative in 1900, hope that with this relief he may long continue his membership, thus enabling them still to have the benefit of his great experience of financial and administrative affairs. Dr. R. W. Wakefield, who has served as a North Lonsdale representative since 1908, has removed to the south of England, and has been succeeded by Mr. P. J. Hibbert, who has represented Cumberland during the past fifteen years. Removal is also responsible for the resignation of Mrs. Egerton Tatton, which deprives the Cheshire Association of a Vice-President; for the withdrawal of Miss M. Watkinson, who has acted as Hon. Secretary of the Huddersfield Association ever since its formation in 1899, and whose duties have now been taken over by the Hon. Treasurer (Miss A. C. Miller); and for the retirement of Dr. and Mrs. Crossley Wright, who have represented Halifax on the Central Committee for twelve and three years respectively. Since 1907, Mrs. Crossley Wright has also rendered excellent service as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Halifax Ladies' Association, whilst Dr. Crossley Wright has for 29 years acted

as Hon. Secretary of the Local Committee. These losses have unfortunately been extended by the withdrawal, for various reasons, of several successful Collectors, including Miss Sharpe (Ambleside), Mrs. H. Duncan (Ilkley), Mrs. Walter Borrie (Stockton), Mrs. Swaine Cope (Milnthorpe), Mrs. Harley (Huddersfield), Miss Joyce Booth (Wigan), Miss Bowden Cattley (York), Mrs. Finch (Ormskirk), Mrs. F. Holmes (Baildon) and others.

Appointments.

Amongst the appointments brought about by these changes, mention must first be made of the election of Mr. Wm. Briggs, D.L., Chairman of the Finance Committee during the past five years, as Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee and Chairman of the House Committee. Mr. Richard Smith, who has served for three years past as Chairman of the Farm Committee, replaces Mr. Briggs in the Chairmanship of the Finance Committee, with Mr. Briggs as his Vice-Chairman. Vacancies for Lancaster members of the Central Committee have been filled by the election of the Rev. H. B. Edwards (Principal of the Ripley Hospital) and Mr. Edmond Whinnerah (Burton, Carnforth); whilst the Committee has been further strengthened by the appointment of Miss Helen Aitchison (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Newcastle Association) as a Northumberland representative. Prof. G. R. Murray, M.D., D.L., succeeds the late Sir Charles Behrens in the Chairmanship of the Manchester and Salford Committee; Mrs. E. B. Benson becomes the President of the Huddersfield Association; and Miss Irene Cheetham replaces Mrs. Harvey Heywood as District Treasurer at Middleton. Mrs. Bardsley has consented to act as President of the Lancaster Ladies' Association in succession to Mrs. Welch, who retires with thirteen years' service to her credit. Although changing conditions tend to make the work more and more arduous, it continues to attract new helpers, and the Committee have pleasure in reporting that some of the larger collections

New Collectors.

have recently been taken over by Mrs. Guy Ropner (West Hartlepool), Mrs. J. W. Irvine (Bromborough), Miss Hoyle (Hebden Bridge), Miss Mowbray (Milnthorpe), Miss J. Wylie Gordon (Heswall), Mrs. Marsden (Ormskirk), Mrs. J. Orme (Ashton-under-Lyne), Mrs. Whitworth (Ambleside), Mrs. Rd. Ainscough (Lathom), Miss E. Sykes (Huddersfield), Mrs. Worthington (Malpas), Miss Newton (Alexandra Park), Mrs. Chune (West Kirby and Hoylake), Miss Sutcliffe (Sowerby Bridge), Miss H. Atcherley (Chester) and others.

The special efforts during the year included the usual flower-day collections at Crewe. These brought in a profit of nearly £28; whilst Mrs. Widdrington has again sent the Institution a substantial share of the proceeds of her annual garden festival at Newton Hall, Felton. Mrs. J. W. Walker has promoted a series of whist-drives and dances at Carlisle; the members of the Congregational Mothers' Meeting have continued their successful efforts at Otley, which have this year brought in over £30; and at Pontefract in December last over £18 was secured as the result of a whist-drive and dance arranged by Miss Barker and Mrs. Giles in connection with the recently-formed Pontefract Association. During July, £10 was received through Miss Mozley, representing the proceeds of a successful American tea organised by the Leeds Branch of the National Council of Women. The Crewe collections were preceded by an excursion to the Royal Albert, and also by a whist-drive and dance promoted by Mrs. Klemt. The visitors, who selected the 19th of April for their excursion, spent an enjoyable day at the Institution, and were thus enabled to see something of the various departments and the work carried on therein. Visits of the kind, particularly during the summer months, when the gardens and grounds are at their best and the buildings and their surroundings can be seen under the most attractive conditions, are invited and welcomed by the Committee, since a more effectual way of arousing the interest and enthusiasm of those who take part in them could hardly be devised.

Special Efforts.

Excursions to the Institution.

Periodical visits are paid to the Institution by the Commissioners of the Board of Control, the last inspection of the kind being made by Dr. Rotherham on the 23rd of April. Deputations from Boards of Guardians and Local Authorities under the Mental Deficiency Act also visit the Institution for the purpose of inspecting their patients, and their impressions on these occasions are recorded in entries such as the following:

Official Vists.

I have interviewed the five patients sent by the Birkenhead Board of Guardians. I am very much pleased with their appearance, and glad to learn that they are all going on very well. As to the Institution I cannot speak too highly. It is splendid and doing a noble work.—*July 28th, 1926.*

We, the undersigned, a deputation from the Oldham Union, interviewed the cases chargeable to us, and found everything satisfactory. We express our thanks to Dr. Coupland for his kindness in showing us round the Institution. We feel sure good work is being done amongst this class of patient.—*July 12th, 1926.*

Members of the Newcastle Mental Deficiency Committee to-day visited their patients and found them well and happy. We are greatly impressed with the arrangements for training and educating the inmates, and particularly with the Open-air School.—*June 10th, 1926.*

The three patients chargeable to the Kendal Union have been seen by us this day. They appeared to be well cared for, happy and comfortable; everything we should say was quite satisfactory. Of special interest is the industrial instruction now given to these unfortunates. A splendid progressive movement.—*July 16th, 1926.*

The undersigned visited the Institution this day and interviewed the 22 patients from the Hull Local Authority. We found them all in a healthy condition and well cared for. We were highly pleased with all we saw in the Institution. We wish to express our sincere thanks to Dr. Coupland for his kindness and the time he devoted to our visit.—*July 22nd, 1926.*

Letters from Parents.

We also give a further selection from the many appreciative tributes received from the parents and relatives of inmates:

We have had a very pleasant time visiting John, and think the Institution is a most charming place, where all seem very happy and well cared for.—*April 13th, 1926.*

I find continued and very welcome improvement again this year. Richard is quite easily interested in books and games. The improvement in his speech is most marked; we are very pleased with his progress.—*July 6th, 1926.*

I wish to thank you for your kindness in keeping Frank for the further period in the Institution. This is, I assure you, a great help to me, as I could not possibly do with him at home, as I am a widow having to make my own living. There is not the slightest doubt that he has greatly benefited during his stay at the Institution, and I cannot fully express my thanks for the great assistance you have given to him. I earnestly hope you will allow him to remain for a considerable period. Thank you once again for your wonderful help to me.—*August 6th, 1926.*

It is once again a very pleasurable duty to record our gratitude for and apreciation of all that is done for our little daughter. On our visit last Friday, we were exceedingly pleased to see the great improvement she had made in every way. We had in fact a most delightful day, and were greatly interested and impressed by watching the dress rehearsal for your concert to-morrow. May we proffer our sincere congratulations to those responsible for training the children engaged? It represents an infinity of kindly patience and thought for the little ones, who all seemed to enjoy themselves very thoroughly. After every visit, we return home with a feeling of thankfulness that such a place as the Royal Albert Institution exists, and particularly that there are in the world such people as compose the staff—genial, kind and thoughtful to a degree. Our best wishes and grateful thanks are theirs.—*March 23rd, 1926.*

On behalf of my wife and myself, I wish to express our heartfelt gratitude for your loving and tender care shown towards our deceased son. I feel also under the obligation of tendering to you and yours my thanks for the wonderful courtesy I received at your hands during my unexpected visit to the Royal Albert. If it is possible, I should be obliged if you could make this letter public for the benefit of many who perhaps are unable to visit their relatives. Your Institution reflects the greatest credit on all of you; I pray God to bless you in the midst of your task.—*April 14th, 1926.*

Future Prospects.

A glance through the records of the Royal Albert arouses feelings of gratitude for good work nobly done, mingled with thankfulness at the success with which the Institution continues to confront the difficulties of the times, whilst a survey of its future prospects proves not less encouraging. Drastic suggestions for dealing with the mentally-deficient have been made during recent years, but the Committee note with satisfaction that such proposals have met with little acceptance, and it may be taken that they are quite outside the range of practical politics. There therefore seems to be no better alternative than to continue on the lines so successfully followed at the Royal Albert Institution; caring for as many as possible of these unfortunate fellow-creatures, ministering to their wants, promoting their comfort and happiness, and safeguarding them from evil and from the danger of perpetuating their defect; besides doing all that can be done to make the most of such abilities as they may possess, thus rendering their lives less burdensome to others and much pleasanter and more useful so far as they themselves are concerned:

O yet we trust that somehow good
Will be the final goal of ill,
To pangs of nature, sins of will,
Defects of doubt and taints of blood.

Appeal.

With these aims in view the Central Committee renew their earnest appeal for the continued generous support required to enable them to carry on with unabated success the splendid work recorded in the Reports issued annually by their predecessors and themselves.

RICHARD F. CAVENDISH,

CHAIRMAN.

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Central Committee of the Royal Albert Institution.

My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Summary.

It is again a privilege to present my Annual Report. The following table summarizes the figures usually supplied:

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In the Institution, March 31st, 1925 ...	536	262	798
Admitted	30	16	46
Discharged	16	6	22
Died	10	7	17
Aggregate number	566	278	844
Daily average	537	260	797
Maximum number	547	260	807
In the Institution, March 31st, 1926 ...	540	265	805

Deaths.

The number of deaths is considerably less than those recorded last year. The total is seventeen, which is almost midway between the number last year and that of 1924, the latter mortality being exceptionally low. In spite of close enquiry no source of infection could be found for the case of diphtheria, it happily being the only one that occurred. Swabs were taken from the throats of four members of the staff and twenty-three patients, who had been in contact with the female patient so affected, but all proved negative to Klebs-Loeffler organism. Schick's test was also applied to these 23 patients, five of whom reacted positively and two pseudo-positively; these seven were given immunising doses of toxin-antitoxin. It is a considerable number of years since any case of diphtherial infection occurred in the Institution.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Diphtheria	0	1	1
Measles	2	0	2
Bronchial Catarrh	1	0	1
Influenza	2	0	2
Influenzal Pneumonia	1	0	1
General Tuberculosis	2	0	2
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	3	4
Tubercular Caries of Spine	0	1	1
Calcareous Glands	1	0	1
Spastic Hemiplegia	0	1	1
Chronic Epilepsy	0	1	1
Total	10	7	17

"The House That Jack Built"

Action Song: "In The Spring Time"

The school occupations have been further extended, progress having been made in such industries as art sealing wax, leather and pewter work, together with the making of crêpe paper hats and lamp shades. Among the older boys on the school register an elementary woodwork class, preliminary to workshop joinery, has been commenced and the pupils have already provided such useful articles as the wooden labels for the school gardens and material for strengthening hessian workbags made by the girls. Other senior school boys are learning leather stitching preparatory to boot-making in the workshops, and are being taught to use a machine. **School Industries.**

Another new feature to be recorded is the establishment of school gardens on the north side of the main building. These consist of twelve plots, 30 feet by 13 feet, together with a demonstration garden. A tool shed is placed at either end of the garden and two male or female patients work each plot. Those so employed have taken a keen interest, showing appreciation not only of the practical advantage of growing their own flowers and vegetable produce, but also evincing a desire to obtain an insight into nature's wonders. **School Gardens.**

During the year members of the school staff have attended lectures and demonstrations at Preston and elsewhere, and have accordingly widened their knowledge and interest. The Headmistress, Miss G. M. Gresham, had the advantage of being present at the Morison Lectures on Mental Defect delivered in Edinburgh by my friend, Dr. R. D. Clarkson. While in Scotland Miss Gresham took the opportunity of visiting Larbert Institution, of which Dr. Clarkson is the Medical Superintendent, and also some Special Schools in Edinburgh and Paisley. She has taken part in the two-week Summer School of Psychology which was held at Brighton in August this year. **Teaching Staff.**

Since my last Report a considerable amount of money has been spent on additions and alterations. The chief of these is the provision of additional lavatory basins in connection with the first floor of the southern side of the main building on the girls' side. In the installation of this much-needed requirement opportunity has been taken to provide a wide verandah underneath which it is hoped will be of the greatest use. This verandah on the ground floor faces south and abuts on the **Improvements.**

girls' playground, and together with internal alterations to a department at the north-east angle, will provide considerable further southern open-air advantages. New washing machines have been placed in the main laundry and other alterations made in the machinery in that department. Additional washing accommodation has been provided for several departments, and a hot-plate installed in the crockery room. In the kitchen a Hobart machine, worked electrically, has been recently provided, and has already been found very useful for the preparation of brawn, sausage meat, etc. The outside of the main building, including the tower, has been painted; the whole of the inside of the Rodgett Infirmary has been re-decorated and the Whinney Carr farm buildings also renovated. In previous Reports I have mentioned asbestos-concrete flooring, and in connection with the senior boys' dormitories over one thousand yards more of this material has been laid upon the much-worn wooden floors.

Amusements.

The usual games for the patients such as cricket and football matches have been carried on, and as mentioned in the last Report, tennis, badminton and volley-shuttle are popular. Croquet also is played on a lawn near the north lodge. Additional clock-golf has been installed, and in connection with this I may mention the value that this simple game has in steadying the action of muscles of patients who have such affections as athetosis spasmodic tic. A wireless installation has been purchased for the senior boys' side and a number of additional gramophones have been provided for the main building and its adjuncts. Every opportunity is taken for groups of patients to enjoy country walks.

Sterilization.

Concerning the social side of mental deficiency there has been further agitation in the press respecting the sterilization of defectives. The opinion of experts, however, is that this is not at present a subject for practical legislation, and cannot become so until such time as we have considerably more definite information than is at present in the possession of the medical profession. Apart from the action that the Central Association for Mental Welfare has taken in this matter, it may be mentioned that the Mental Hospitals Committee of the London County Council, as reported in the *British Medical Journal*, has stated that it has more than once considered whether sterilization by surgical operation might be resorted to as a prophylactic against mental deficiency, but

it has concluded that there were too many practical difficulties to permit of the endorsement of any proposal to make such a measure possible.

Definitions.

Attention may be drawn to the fact that it has been thought advisable to alter the definitions in the Mental Deficiency Act. The wording of these in the Act of 1913 caused certain difficulties, more particularly in regard to the certification of cases of "sleepy sickness." An amending Bill has just been drafted which, by the alteration of certain words of these definitions, it is hoped will enable cases of *encephalitis lethargica* to be dealt with more easily as mentally defective persons. As I am of opinion that our knowledge regarding the possible infectivity of this complaint is not sufficiently definite, it has been decided that cases of recent origin shall not be admitted. In my view risk may be run in carrying infection to patients already resident in a large Institution such as the Royal Albert. In many ways, too, cases of this disease are not suitable for the ordinary routine of a defective Institution and probably they can be more advantageously dealt with in specialized conditions more suited to their primary ailment.

Sleepy Sickness.

Desirability of Institutional Care.

It has been my privilege to address various audiences regarding points of interest in mental deficiency work. I have stated at some of these meetings that I am more and more convinced that what a defective really requires is institutional care, although I am quite aware that financial and other questions render this ideal one that cannot be reached at the present time. Professor G. M. Robertson, the Maudsley Lecturer of this year, in the course of his address used the following words:

Prof. G. M. Robinson.

> Even the defective child showed the influence of discerning management and an environment adapted to its responsive capacity, a consideration which went far to justify the large expenditure of public funds in the provision of special institutions and schools for this class. But the advantages so laboriously acquired were squandered by making indifferent provision for lifelong care, and the rectification of this failure was one of the necessities of our time. There was also need for the earliest possible recognition of mental defect, and for a closer study of the ante-natal as distinguished from the hereditary conditions of defect.

With his last sentence, I am especially in agreement; indeed, I am strongly of opinion that mental defect should be considered as one portion of the many-sided, wide and important subject of Maternity and Child Welfare.

Staff Changes.

I have to mention with deep regret the death of Miss Mary Hartley, who for over twelve years rendered valuable service as Nurse-Matron of the Rodgett Infirmary. She passed away at her sister's house in Yorkshire having for some considerable time before her decease suffered from heart disease. The Institution has also lost the services by retirement of Charge Nurse-Attendants Elizabeth Atkinson and Jane Irwin, Worthy Parsons (shoemaker), and Joseph Wilson (joiner). I hope comfort and satisfactory health may accompany them in their leisure so well deserved after their many years of meritorious service, the united period of which extends to over 170 years.

Board of Control.

It has to be recorded that the Commissioners of the Board of Control visited the Institution on two occasions during the year, namely, on 21st and 22nd October, 1925, and 23rd April, 1926.

Acknowledgments.

Once again I have to thank very cordially my colleagues, Drs. Henderson and Appleyard, who have helped me materially in carrying on the year's work. They have both shown an earnest desire to assist in every way in the medical care, training and control of the patients. The chief officials have had their ordinary work considerably augmented by the exigencies of the coal strike, and to them I offer sincere thanks for their continued loyal help.

Accountant.

Having been closely associated with Mr. E. B. Shaw, the late Accountant, I desire to thank him for his consistent courtesy extended to me during our many years of official relationship.

Finally, to your Lordship and the Committee I tender my thanks for continued support and encouragement.

I am,

My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant.

W. H. COUPLAND,

September 10th, 1926. Medical Superintendent.

Action Song: "The Three Bears"

Pierrot Group

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

LANCASTER, 3rd JUNE, 1926.

I have audited the books, accounts and vouchers of the Royal Albert Institution, with the following Statements of Account, and have obtained all the information and explanations I have required. In my opinion such Statements are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Institution's affairs, according to the best of my information and explanations given to me, and as shown by the books of the Institution.

The deeds and certificates representing the Sustentation Fund investments have been exhibited to me and are all in proper order.

A. B. S. WELCH,

Auditor.

ADDITIONAL LEGACIES AND DONATIONS

RECEIVED

SINCE THE 31ST OF MARCH, 1926.

Sir Robert Charles Brown, M.B., Preston	£100	0	0
Thomas Henry Dodgshun, Leeds	100	0	0
Anonymous: A Thankoffering for a Family whose brains are Normal	100	0	0

MAINTENANCE

Dr. *From April 1st, 1925,*

Receipts.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance at Bank, April 1st, 1925		2,963 3 0
Payments for Patients :		
From Local and other Statutory Authorities	25,520 18 11	
From Private Sources	8,038 5 11	
Annual Subscriptions	3,814 0 5	
Donations	35 2 4	
Interest on Sustentation Fund Investments	8,912 4 11	
Income from Joseph Nutter's Gift	17 11 10	
Rent	360 4 6	
Bank Interest	106 1 0	
		46,804 9 10
Farm and Garden Account :		
Produce sold	1,382 5 8	
Produce supplied to Institution	7,298 12 5	
		8,680 18 1
		£58,448 10 11

Examined and compared with the Books of Account and Vouchers, and certified to be correct.—June 3rd, 1926.

A. B. S. WELCH, Lancaster, *Auditor.*

ACCOUNT.

to March 31st, 1926. Cr.

Payments.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries and Wages (including Medical Attendance)	20,561	15	4			
Contribution to Superannuation Fund... ...	381	18	2			
Provisions	13,131	8	0			
Uniforms and Patients' Clothing	2,730	6	10			
Medical Requisites and Drugs	320	1	7			
Furniture and Bedding	2,461	9	4			
Fuel, Lighting and Water	4,940	2	5			
Washing and Cleaning Articles and other Necessaries	702	13	1			
Travelling Expenses and Conveyance and Removal of Patients	413	3	10			
Books, Postage, Printing, Stationery and Advertisements	898	17	5			
Rates, Taxes and Insurance	1,271	12	8			
Maintenance and Repairs of Buildings and Machinery	2,421	16	8			
				50,235	5	4
Charges for Land and Buildings:						
Structural Improvements, Additions and Alterations	334	15	8			
Transfer to Sinking Fund	250	0	0			
Cavendish Reception House: Sinking Fund Repayment	464	7	4			
Open-air School: Sinking Fund Repayment...	54	16	0			
				1,103	19	0
Farm and Garden Account:						
Wages	1,455	11	2			
Live Stock purchased	1,640	12	4			
Provender, Seeds and Manure	2,565	7	6			
Other items	499	3	4			
				6,160	14	4
Cash in hand...				180	0	0
Balance at Bank, March 31st, 1926				768	12	3
				£58.448	**10**	**11**

Signed on behalf of the Central Committee:

RICHARD F. CAVENDISH, *Chairman.*
WILLIAM BRIGGS, *Vice-Chairman.*
SAMUEL KEIR, *Secretary.*

EXTENSIONS AND IM-

Dr. *From April 1st, 1925.*

Receipts.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance, April 1st, 1925:		
Temporary Loan	20,000 0 0	
Bank	1,611 16 3	
		21,611 16 3
Interest on Loan		903 11 3
Cavendish Reception House: Third Sinking Fund Repayment		464 7 4
Open-air School: Second Sinking Fund Repayment ...		54 16 0
		£23,034 10 10

Audited and found correct.—June 3rd, 1926.

A. B. S. WELCH, Lancaster, *Auditor.*

SUSTENTATION FUND

Dr. *From April 1st, 1925,*

Receipts.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance, April 1st, 1925:		
Temporary Loan	5,000 0 0	
Bank	480 4 3	
		5,480 4 3
Legacies	5,009 11 0	
Donations	1,105 0 0	
Life Interest Payments	164 5 8	
		6,278 16 8
Conversion of Stocks:		
£700 Sheffield Corporation 3 per cent. Redeemable Stock, 1925		14 0 0
		£11,773 0 11

Audited and found correct.—June 3rd, 1926.

A. B. S. WELCH, Lancaster, *Auditor.*

PROVEMENTS ACCOUNT.

to March 31st, 1926. Cr.

Payments.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cavendish Reception House	786 16 0	
Proposed New Buildings	610 3 1	
		1,396 19 1
Bank Interest and Commission		16 7 6
Balance, March 31st, 1926:		
Temporary Loan	20,000 0 0	
Bank	1,621 4 3	
		21,621 4 3
		£23,034 10 10

Signed on behalf of the Central Committee:

RICHARD F. CAVENDISH, *Chairman.*
WILLIAM BRIGGS, *Vice-Chairman.*
SAMUEL KEIR, *Secretary.*

ANNUAL ACCOUNT.

to March 31st, 1926. Cr.

Payments.

	£ s. d.
Investments:	
Lancaster Corporation:	
£5,000 4½ per cent. Mortgage Loan...	5,000 0 0
Croydon Corporation:	
£6,600 3 per cent. Redeemable Stock, 1940-60	4,517 12 0
Rochdale Corporation:	
£830 3½ per cent. Stock, 1945-85	600 17 9
Balance at Bank, March 31st, 1926	1,654 11 2
	£11,773 0 11

Signed on behalf of the Central Committee:

RICHARD F. CAVENDISH, *Chairman.*
WILLIAM BRIGGS, *Vice-Chairman.*
SAMUEL KEIR, *Secretary.*

SUMMARY OF TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

(including Donations to the General, Maintenance and Sustentation Funds, and current Annual Subscriptions)

FROM DISTRICTS WHERE COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN FORMED AND PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD.

	Donations.			Annual Subscriptions.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
LANCASTER	38191	9	5	195	15	6
LIVERPOOL	14005	10	10	214	6	3
MANCHESTER	12466	8	0	465	0	3
BRADFORD	11899	2	2	265	13	6
PRESTON	9675	19	4	47	1	10
ROCHDALE	9611	7	10	294	16	8
WESTMORLAND	7111	9	0	143	15	0
LEEDS	6590	7	6	102	2	0
HALIFAX	6562	12	6	243	2	0
CHESHIRE	6514	10	4	327	15	4
OLDHAM	6214	7	3	36	18	0
CUMBERLAND	6210	4	11	197	0	0
SHEFFIELD	6065	13	2	69	6	9
YORK	2955	5	4	30	19	0
DURHAM (COUNTY)	2883	18	1	277	11	9
NORTH LONSDALE	2691	15	8	70	3	8
BURY	2168	2	2	69	18	6
BOLTON	2101	14	10	95	12	0
NORTHUMBERLAND	2094	13	3	161	17	6
HUDDERSFIELD	1957	1	5	137	2	0
BLACKBURN	1852	16	0	31	2	6
SKIPTON	1508	17	0	1	11	6
SETTLE	1477	12	11	2	2	0
SOUTHPORT	1248	11	0	122	6	0
BURNLEY	1219	14	4	39	2	1
KEIGHLEY	1071	14	7	21	0	0
WAKEFIELD	985	0	7	0	10	6
WARRINGTON	945	15	1	57	13	0
WIGAN	736	8	10	25	1	6
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	674	13	6	8	5	0
HULL	388	6	8	23	2	0
ROTHERHAM	387	8	6	—		
SCARBOROUGH	379	9	4	3	15	6
ST. HELENS	297	14	6	9	3	0
DONCASTER	184	4	9	5	5	0
PONTEFRACT	—			18	3	4

SAMUEL KEIR, SECRETARY.

Girls' Playing Field and Open-air School

Whitsuntide Procession

STATISTICS AS TO PATIENTS.

CONDITION OF PATIENTS discharged during the year.

		Males.	Females.	Total
Much improved	... ...	0	2	2
Moderately improved	*Relieved*	7	0	7
Slightly improved	... ...	2	1	3
Not improved	... ...	7	3	10
Total	... ...	16	6	22

ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES AND DEATHS from December 14th, 1870, to March 31st, 1926.

Admissions		4332
Discharges	2666	
Deaths	861	
In Institution on March 31st, 1926	805	
		4332

RESULTS OF TRAINING of all Discharged Patients.

Much improved	... ...	743	or	27·87 per cent.
Moderately improved	*Relieved*	731	or	27·42 ,,
Slightly improved	... ...	640	or	24·00 ,,
		2114	or	79·29 ,,
Not improved		552	or	20·71 ,,
Total		2666	or	100·00 ,,

AGES OF PATIENTS who have resided in the Institution, and of those who have died, during the fifty-two weeks included in the Medical Superintendent's Annual Report.

AGES.	NO. OF EACH AGE RESIDENT.			NO. OF EACH AGE DECEASED.		
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
From 5 to 10 years ...	23	10	33	1	1	2
10 ,, 15 ,, ...	100	36	136	2	1	3
15 ,, 20 ,, ...	143	57	200	6	3	9
20 ,, 25 ,, ...	120	61	181	1	0	1
25 ,, 30 ,, ...	62	39	101	0	0	0
30 ,, 35 ,, ...	44	22	66	0	2	2
35 ,, 40 ,, ...	26	17	43	0	0	0
40 and upwards ...	48	36	84	0	0	0
	566	278	844	10	7	17

PRESENTS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.

Anonymous, Edinburgh, £1 for Rodgett Infirmary Patients.
Beech, Mrs., Crewe, Sweets for Patients.
Bentley, Mrs., Lancaster, Specimen Case for Exhibition of Patients' Work.
Bell, W., Aspatria, 7s. 6d. for Amusement Fund and Fruit and Sweets for Rodgett Infirmary Patients.
Briggs, Mrs., Blackburn, Clothing for Patients.
Brook, Mrs., Keighley, Materials for Industries.
Brunskill, J., & Son, Kendal, Wool and Fancy Articles.
Bryan, Mrs., Wigan, Fruit for Children.
Gillot, Mrs., Sheffield, 3s. 6d. for Amusement Fund.
Herdman, Mr. and Mrs., Barrow, Fancy Soaps for Patients.
Holmes, Mrs. R., Garstang, Large Iced Cake for Patients.
Hypsley, Mrs., Lancaster, 2s. 6d. for Amusement Fund.
Lowe, Mrs., Crewe, Fruits and Sweets for Patients.
Matthews, Mrs., Colwyn Bay, Clothing for Patients.
Matthews, R. L., Manchester, Clothing for Patients.
Moles, Mrs., Huddersfield, Books for Patients.
Naylor, Mrs., Brierfield, Buns, Sweets and Chocolates for Rodgett Infirmary Patients.
Page, Miss, Kendal, Picture Books and Oddments.
Patterson, Mrs., Pendleton, Clothing for Patients.
Paulden, T. L., Southport, £10 10s. for Amusement Fund.
Pownall, Miss, Little Langdale, Books.
Rochdale, Lady, London, Tennis Balls.
Shaw, Mrs., Crewe, Clothing for Patients.
Sheen, Mr., Wallasey, Chocolate Eggs for Patients.
Somerville, Mrs., Brighouse, Clothing for Patients.
Syers, Mrs., Bowdon, £1 for Rodgett Infirmary Whitsuntide Fete.
Taylor, Mrs. J., Lancaster, Chest of Tools.
Watson, Miss, Lancaster, Clothing for Patients.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Abbott, Mrs., Blackburn, 10s. 6d.
Aitken, Dr. James, Lancaster, £3 3s.
Akeroyd, Mrs. A., Birstall, 3s.
Ambrose, Mrs., Leith, Picture Books.
Anderson, A., Blackburn, 5s.
Anonymous, Lancaster, 10s.
Anonymous, Wellington, Calendars, Scrap Books.
Anonymous, Chocolate Coins.
Armitage, W., Galgate, 10s.
Armstrong, Mrs., Darlington, 6s.
Baker, Mrs., Thorne, Doncaster, 5s.
Barker, P., Dewsbury, £1.
Barrow, Misses, Lancaster, Sweets.
Barrow, Miss S. E., Lancaster, 6s.
Bate & Gorst, Lancaster, Sweets.
Bayley, Mrs. E. S., Lancaster, 5s.
Belcher, Mrs., Ealing, Toys.
Bell, Major F. Burns, Lancaster, 10s.
Bentley, Mrs., Lancaster, Balls, Handkerchiefs and 10s.
Berry, Mrs., Barnacre, Garstang, 10s.
Booth, Miss, Lancaster, Doll.
Booth, G. J., Arkholme, 10s.
Bowler, Mrs., Didsbury, Oranges.
Bradwell, Mrs., Sheffield, 10s.
Briggs, Mrs., Silsden, £5.
Briggs, Wm., D.L., Lancaster, £1.
Brown, Mrs. A., Leeds, 5s.
Brunskill, J. & Sons, Kendal, Scarves.
Bryan, Mr. and Mrs., Wigan, Crackers Toys, Games and 10s. 6d.
Carpenter, A. E., Belton, Doncaster, 10s.
Carter, Mrs., Ashington, Gloves and 5s.
Cheetham, Mrs. S., Chester, 5s.
Clark, C. F., Leeds, £1 18s.
Clark, Mrs. C. F., Leeds, Crackers and Table Decorations.

Clark, J. G. E., Lancaster, 10s. 6d.
Cock, Mrs. E., Rossall Beach, £1.
Constable, Mrs., Goole, 7s. 6d.
Corscaden, Mrs., Liverpool, 10s.
Croft & Ewan, Lancaster, Case of Oranges.
Cross, Miss, Lancaster, 10s.
Cross, Miss D., Lancaster, Games, Toys, etc.
Cross, T., & Sons, Lancaster, large Christmas Stocking.
Dalton, Miss, Lancaster, Books and Puzzles.
Dewhurst, Mrs., Colne, 10s.
Dickinson, J., Heswall, Apples, Oranges and Gramophone Records.
Douthwaite, Mrs., Sheffield, £1.
Dowler, Mr. and Mrs. J. F., Wallasey, Chocolates, Sweets and £2.
Draper, Mrs., Lancaster, 5s.
Durrant, Mrs. W., Summerseat, 5s.
Edwards, Mrs., Lancaster, 12s. 6d.
Ewan, Mrs., Lancaster, Stockings and Handkerchiefs.
Farnol, R. C., Sanderstead, Surrey, £1 1s. for Staff.
Ferguson, Dr., Lancaster, 10s.
Fielden, Mr. and Mrs. J. A., Higher Crumpsall, Manchester, £2 2s.
Fitchett, Mrs., London, £1 1s.
FitzGerald, Dr. W. A., Chester, £1 1s.
Giles, J. G., Dewsbury, 5s.
Gregson, Mrs., and Miss Taylor, Lancaster, Toys, Handkerchiefs.
Groom, Miss, Flookburgh, 10s.
Hall, R. T., Bury, Hats.
Harbottle, T., Stockton-on-Tees, Case of Oranges.
Harvey, Mrs., Retford, Apples.
Hawson, Mrs., Ainsdale, £3 and £2 for Brunton House Staff Amusement Fund.
Hayhurst, Miss, Lancaster, Cakes.
Heald, Miss, Lancaster, £1 1s.
Helme, Sir Norval, Lancaster, Case of Oranges.
Herdman, Mrs., Barrow, 10s.
Heywood, Miss, Lancaster, Toys, Balls.
Hilton, Mrs., Hale, Cards and Toys.
Hodgson, J. B., Lancaster, £1.
Hollyhead, Mrs. A., Pontefract, 5s.
Holmes, Mrs. R., Nateby, Iced Cake.
Hypsley, Mrs., Lancaster, 2s. 6d.
Ireland, Mrs. C. A., Arkholme, 2s. 6d.
Jackson, Ald. George, Lancaster, £1 10s.
Jackson, R., Ashton-under-Lyne, 10s.
Jameson, J., Ashton-in-Makerfield, 10s.
Johnson, Miss A., Lancaster, 5s.
Johnson, Mrs. F. D. and Mrs. E. N., Lancaster, Crackers, Chocolates, Nuts, etc.
Jones, Mrs. J. F., Cheadle Heath, 10s. 6d.
Kay, Miss, Sheffield, 5s. for Staff.
Kay, J., & Sons, Ramsbottom, Box of Fancy Soap.
Keen, Mrs., Barrow-in-Furness, 6s.
Kinnear, Mrs., Montrose, £1.
Lambert, Mrs., Lancaster, Parcel for Patients.
Lancaster District Co-operative Society, Case of Oranges and Barrel of Apples.
Lawrence, H., Carlisle, £1.
Lawson & Sons, Lancaster, Games.
Lawson, Mrs. W., Blackpool, £3.
Liddle, Mrs., Carlisle, 5s.
Marshall, Joseph, Huddersfield, 10s.
Matthews, R. L., Pendleton, Books, Balls, Toys.
McFarlane, Geo., Arkholme, 10s.
Moles, Mrs., Huddersfield, Books, Chocolates.
Moorhouse, S., Scarborough, 10s.
Murray, Prof. G. R., Manchester, £1 1s.
Naylor, Mrs., Brierfield, Burnley, £1; also Apples, Chocolates, Dolls, etc., and 5s. for Rodgett Infirmary Patients.
Nicholas, Mr. and Mrs. W. H., Sheffield, £1; Handkerchiefs, Ties and £1 for Rodgett Infirmary Patients.
Nicholson & Co., Lancaster, £1 1s.
Nuttall, Miss, Morecambe, Parcels for Patients.
Ownsworth, Mrs., Barnsley, Parcels for Patients.
Page, Miss, Broughfold, Picture and Scrap Books.
Parkinson, Misses K. and J., Scotforth, Chocolates and Sweets.
Parkinson, Mrs. Joseph, Lancaster, 10s.
Pattinson, Mrs., Warsop, 5s.
Paulden, T. L., Southport, £10 10s.
Perry, Mrs., Southport, £1.
Postlethwaite, Mrs., Lancaster, 10s.
Powlton, Miss, Lancaster, Dolls, Toys.
Priestley, Lady, Bradford, £1 1s.
Procter, J. P., Lancaster, 5s.
Rawes, Mrs., Sweets and 2s. 6d.
Reed, Miss A., Benton, £1 for Staff.
Religious Tract Society, London, Books, Magazines, Calendars, etc.
Richardson, Miss, Lancaster, 5s.

Riley and Cottam, Misses, Lancaster, Toys and Balls.
Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. C., Lancaster, Books.
Robinson, J. A., Lancaster, Crackers and Chocolates.
Roper, Mrs., London, £1 1s.
Russell, Miss, Ashton-on-Mersey, £2.
Sanders, Mrs., Port Sunlight, 10s.
Saxton, F., Rugby, 5s.
Scotforth Girls' Friendly Society, £1 1s.
Seward, C. F., Lancaster, 10s.
Sharples, Mrs. T., Prescot, 10s.
Sheen, J. R., Wallasey, Balls, Handkerchiefs, etc.
Sherren, Miss, Lancaster, 5s.
Shuttleworth, Dr., Hampstead, London, Crackers.
Simpson, Misses, Lancaster, Christmas Illustrated Papers, Pictures and 10s.
Singleton, J. E., K.C., London, £2 2s.
Smith, Richard, Lancaster, £1.
Smith, Mrs., Ashton-in-Makerfield, 10s.
Smith, Mrs., Sheffield, 5s.
Smith, Miss M. A. Moore, Sheffield, Scrap Books.
Smiths, T. D., Ltd., Lancaster, Case of Oranges.
Somerville, Dr., Brighouse, £1 1s.
Sowden, Miss, Birkenhead, 10s. 6d.
Stackhouse, Mrs., Montreal, 10s.
Stork, Mrs. C. J. W., Lancaster, 10s. 6d.
Sudworth, J., Ashton-in-Makerfield, 2s. 6d.
Sutton, Mrs., Farington, Preston, 5s.
Taylor, Dr. and Mrs. C. Barrie, Marple, Toys and £1 1s.
Taylor, Mr. and Mrs., Clitheroe, Cake, Sweets and £1.
Tetley, Col. C. H., Leeds, £1 1s.
Thompson, Mrs., Blackpool, £1.
Thornburrow, Misses, Lancaster, Christmas Cake.
Thornton, J., Lancaster, Magazines and Books.
Todd, Misses, Lancaster, Dressed Dolls and Scrap Books.
Tomkinson, Mrs., Crewe, £1 1s.
Tonge, Mrs., Leyland, £1 (collected).
Travis-Clegg, J. T., D.L., Bailrigg, £1.
Troughton, H., Lancaster, Fancy Candles.
Varcoe, Mrs., Lancaster, Crackers, Dolls, Sweets.
Walker, J., Lancaster, Books.
Warburton, Miss H., Stockport, 2s.
Ward, Mrs. W. H., Lancaster, Parcels for 13 Patients and 10s.
Wearing, Miss, Lancaster, £1.
Webster, Mrs., Bradford, 5s.
Welch, A. B. S., Lancaster, Barrel of Apples.
Welch, John, Lancaster, 10s.
Welch, W. G., Hampson, Lancaster, £1.
Wells, G. E., Sheffield, Knives, Doll, Needle-case and £3 3s.
Wigley, Mrs. J. M., Lancaster, £1 1s.
Willis, Miss, Morecambe, Magazines.
Womersley, Mrs., Halifax, 5s.
Wood, Mrs., Ripon, £1.
Wood, Mrs., Dewsbury, Games.
Woodhouse, Misses, Scotforth, Chocolates.
Wright, Ald. George, Lancaster, 10s.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, 1925—26.

	£	s.	d.
Messrs. Storey Brothers & Co., Ltd., Lancaster	52	10	0
Bradford Dyers' Association	50	0	0
Sheffield Town Trustees...	50	0	0
Miss Mead, East View, Otley:			
Proceeds of special efforts at Otley, 1926	30	2	0
Mrs. Brereton and Mrs. Butler, Crewe:			
Proceeds of Flower-days, April 30th and May 1st, 1926 ...	27	15	6
Mr. J. J. Cockshott, O.B.E., 31, Queen's Road, Southport:			
Proceeds of Drawing Room Meeting, January 14th, 1925 ...	19	5	0
Miss M. P. Barker, 32, Beechwood Avenue, Pontefract:			
Proceeds of Whist Drive and Dance, December 7th, 1925 ...	17	10	10
Mrs. Widdrington, Newton Hall, Felton, Northumberland:			
Part proceeds of Garden Festival, August 7th, 1926	10	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Leeds Branch of National Council of Women: Proceeds of American Tea, July 23rd, 1926	10	0	0
Mrs. Brown, 15, Mariners' Cottages, South Shields: Proceeds of Drawing Room Meeting	5	10	0
Miss Webb, West Bank, Bury: Proceeds of Police Sports	5	5	0
Woolcombers Ltd., Bradford	20	0	0
Lady Priestley, Rosemount House, Bradford	12	12	0
Mr. W. W. Galloway, Bilborough Hall, near Preston	10	10	0
Mr. T. L. Paulden, 82, Scarisbrick New Road, Southport... ...	10	10	0
Messrs. J. & N. Phillips & Co., Ltd., 36, Church Street, Manchester	10	10	0
Messrs. Platt Brothers, Hartford Works, Oldham	10	10	0
Messrs. Reckitt & Sons, Ltd., Hull	10	10	0
United Yeast Co., Ltd., 80, Miller Street, Manchester	10	10	0
Reyner Trust Fund, Liverpool	10	10	0
Messrs. Joshua Tetley & Son, Ltd., Leeds	10	10	0
Mr. J. Harris, Brachenburgh Tower, Carlisle	10	0	0
Mr. John Sharp Higham (Wm. P. Hartley, Ltd.), Aintree ...	10	0	0
Liverpool Council of Voluntary Aid: Charities Fund, 1926 ...	10	0	0
Colonel C. H. Tetley, Kirkman Bank, Knaresborough	10	0	0
Mr. Samuel Turner, Springbank, Rochdale	10	0	0
A Friend, Bolton	10	0	0
Brighouse Infirmaries and Hospitals Committee	10	0	0
Trustees of Sir James Reckitt Charity, Hull	10	0	0
Huddersfield Board of Guardians	7	17	6
Misses Whitley, 11, Heath Avenue, Savile Park, Halifax	7	10	0
Miss E. G. Holt, Sudley, Moss Hill, Liverpool	7	7	0
Mr. J. C. Eckersley, Carlton Manor, Yeadon, Leeds	7	0	0
Mr. G. B. Bainbridge, Espley Hall, Morpeth	5	5	0
Messrs. Abm. Brierley & Sons, Rochdale	5	5	0
The Right Hon. Lord Cawley, Berrington Hall, Leominster ...	5	5	0
Messrs. E. Clegg & Son, Shore Mills, Littleborough	5	5	0
Messrs. W. Doxford & Sons, Ltd., Pallion, Sunderland	5	5	0
Messrs. Joshua Hoyle & Sons, Ltd., Bacup	5	5	0
Miss Hignett, Bankfield House, West Derby, Liverpool	5	5	0
Lady Hill, Wellwood, Bradford	5	5	0
Mrs. Greenwood, Glen View, Todmorden	5	5	0
Mr. Samuel Lamb, Denzel, Altrincham	5	5	0
Mr. John E. Larking, Clovelly, Waterloo Road, Southport ...	5	5	0
Messrs. Lewis, Ltd., Liverpool...	5	5	0
Mrs. W. Pitt Miller, Merlewood, Grange-over-Sands	5	5	0
Mr. Herbert Moser, Olrig Bank, Kendal	5	5	0
Mr. Frederick Priestman, Pierremont, Manningham	5	5	0
Messrs. John Priestman & Co., Ltd., Ashfield Mills, Bradford ...	5	5	0
Messrs. George Robinson & Co., Ltd., 109, Princess Street, Manchester	5	5	0
Rochdale Board of Guardians	5	5	0
Sedgefield Board of Guardians...	5	5	0
Misses Sherson, Woodcroft, Windermere	5	5	0
Messrs. John Smith & Sons, Fieldhead Mills, Bradford	5	5	0
Messrs. Stephenson Bros., Ltd., Listerhills Road, Bradford ...	5	5	0
Tootal Broadhurst Lee Co., Ltd., Manchester	5	5	0
Trustees of Dean Barwick's Charity, Kendal	5	5	0

CO-OPERATIVE, INDUSTRIAL AND FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

	£	s.	d.
Co-operative Wholesale Society, Manchester	21	0	0
Crewe Co-operative Friendly Society	12	12	0
Gateshead Industrial Co-operative Society	10	10	0
Rochdale Equitable Pioneers' Society	10	10	0
Brighouse District Industrial Society	5	5	0
Bury District Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Dewsbury Industrial Pioneers' Society	5	5	0
Great and Little Bolton Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Heywood Industrial Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Huddersfield Industrial Society	5	5	0
Jarrow and Hebburn Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Lancaster District Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Manchester and Salford Equitable Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Oldham Equitable Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Rochdale Provident Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Stockport Industrial and Equitable Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Hartlepools Co-operative Society	5	0	0
Cleator Moor Co-operative Society	3	3	0
Eccles Provident Co-operative Society	3	3	0
Great Harwood Co-operative Society	3	3	0
Hebden Bridge Co-operative Society	3	3	0
Newcastle Co-operative Society: Employees' Charity Fund ...	3	3	0
Carlisle South End Co-operative Society	3	3	0
St. Helens Co-operative Society	3	3	0
Todmorden Co-operative Society	3	3	0
Smaller amounts	59	4	6
	£207	0	6

NEW CONTRIBUTIONS, 1925—26.

DONATIONS.

Anonymous, Leeds	105	0	0
Anonymous: A Thankoffering for a Family whose brains are Normal	100	0	0
Mr. J. Harris, Brackenburgh Tower, Carlisle	10	10	0
Messrs. Allan Priest & Sons, Ltd., Huddersfield	5	5	0
Mrs. Russell, Lansdowne, Ashton-under-Lyne	5	5	0
Mr. Edmond Whinnerah, Burton	5	5	0
Col. and Mrs. Manifold, Gaitgil, Gatehouse-of-Fleet	5	0	0
Mr. James Brown (the late), Sydney, New South Wales	2	4	8
Rev. H. B. Edwards, The Ripley Hospital, Lancaster	2	2	0
Mr. Francis Bolton, Halton Grange, Runcorn	2	0	0
Mr. Bell, Highbury, Harrop Road, Hale	1	1	0
Burneside Sports Committee	1	1	0
Messrs. Denton, Lund & Co., Leeds Road, Bradford	1	1	0
Employees of Frazer Bros., St. Peter's Buildings, Leeds	1	1	0
Mr. J. Greenhalgh, Mayor of Stockport	1	1	0
Mrs. Harvey Heywood, 20, Embankment Gardens, Chelsea ...	1	1	0
Miss Hoyle, Burnside, Wadsworth	1	1	0
Mrs. T. E. Lister, The Gatehouse, Rastrick...	1	1	0
Messrs. E. Posselt & Co., Leeds Road, Bradford	1	1	0
Mrs. Trotter, Rudstone, Bradford	1	1	0
Col. G. H. Stobart, Harperley Park, Darlington	1	1	0
Sir T. G. Wrightson (High Sheriff), Eryholme Manor, Darlington	1	1	0
Smaller amounts	9	5	6

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Carlisle, Rose Castle... ...	2	2	0
The Right Hon. Viscountess Ridley, Blagdon Hall, Cramlington...	2	2	0
Messrs. Thomas Spence, Ltd., Holbeck, Leeds	2	2	0
The South Lancashire Tramways Co., Atherton	2	2	0
Mr. J. K. Booth, Hale Cote, Lancaster	2	0	0
Mrs. Rimmer, Arrowe Hall, Woodchurch	2	0	0
Mrs. Stanley Wills, Eshton Hall, Gargrave	2	0	0
Mrs. Ashworth, Morecambe	1	1	0
Mrs. W. Barnett, Lincoln Hill, Humshaugh	1	1	0
Mrs. James Bedford, Arncliffe, Headingley, Leeds...	1	1	0
Mrs. L. M. Bell, Woodlands, Mirfield	1	1	0
Miss M. E. Brockbank, Greenways, Yealand Conyers	1	1	0
Messrs. John Crockatt Ltd., Stoney Rock Lane, Leeds	1	1	0
Mrs. Ecroyd, Low House, Armathwaite	1	1	0
Mrs. Fothergill, Braeside, Arnside	1	1	0
Miss Gordon, Hinata, Oldfield Road, Heswall	1	1	0
Miss J. Wylie Gordon, Hinata, Oldfield Road, Heswall	1	1	0
Messrs. Adolph Hess & Brother, Ltd., Kirkstall Road, Leeds ...	1	1	0
Mr. J. Hield, 9, North Grange Road, Headingley, Leeds	1	1	0
Mr. E. C. Jeffrey, 1, Linden Terrace, Bradford	1	1	0
Mr. J. W. Makant, Gilnow Bleachworks, Bolton	1	1	0
Mr. Philip Marsden, 30, Manor Road, Leeds	1	1	0
Messrs. J. Morrell & Co., 57, Victoria Street, Liverpool	1	1	0
Mrs. Nelson, Swansfield, Alnwick	1	1	0
Mr. A. P. Nichol, Lingfield, Heaton Road, Huddersfield	1	1	0
Mrs. Beresford Peirse, Westwood, Hartburn	1	1	0
Mr. J. A. Popplewell, Beechwood, Arnside	1	1	0
Miss Robinson, Landien, Hartburn	1	1	0
Mrs. C. J. Robinson, Mayfield, Rochdale	1	1	0
Major Carleton Salkeld, Holme Hill, Dalston	1	1	0
Mr. F. Cattley Teale, Moortown, Leeds	1	1	0
Miss Gladys Tetley, Fox Hill, Weetwood, Leeds	1	1	0
Mrs. L. Tweedale, Beaumonds, Bamford, Rochdale	1	1	0
Mrs. Watson, Lesbury	1	1	0
Mr. E. Whyte, Strathavon Lodge, Trinity, Edinburgh	1	1	0
Mr. Arnold Williams, Thorpe House, Halifax	1	1	0
The Right Hon. Viscountess Allendale, Dilston	1	0	0
Mrs. Beaver, Gawthorpe Hall, Bingley	1	0	0
Miss Duckworth, 4, Hesketh Road, Southport	1	0	0
Mr. J. A. Carr Ellison, Hedgeley Hall, Powburn	1	0	0
Mrs. Miles Forwood, Heswall	1	0	0
Mrs. Grundy, 67, Albert Road, Southport	1	0	0
Miss Horsforth, Stone Gappe, Cononley	1	0	0
Mrs. Matteson, 14, Park Avenue, Southport...	1	0	0
Mrs. W. Robinson, Red House, Bamford, Rochdale	1	0	0
Mrs. Rushby, Walls, Ravenglass	1	0	0
Mrs. Scholefield, Lint Close, Alnwick	1	0	0
Mrs. Whitehead, West Hey, Heswall...	1	0	0
Mrs. Worthington, Tushingham Hall, Whitchurch, Salop ...	1	0	0
Miss C. Leatham, Bath	0	12	6
Mrs. Bayley, Westwood, Hartburn	0	10	6
Mrs. Barlow, Oak House, Withington	0	10	6
Mrs. Beverley, Cleveland, Clifton, York	0	10	6

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Albert Broadbent, Moor View, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield	0	10	6
Mrs. Browne, Ffynnon Groew, Chester	0	10	6
Mrs. Cudworth, Butt's Close, York	0	10	6
Mrs. Dougal, Southern Hey, West Didsbury	0	10	6
Lieut.-Col. Kenneth Duncan, Wharfe Bank, Otley...	0	10	6
Capt. Harold Duncan, The Henghs, Menston	0	10	6
Mr. George L. W. Fonlds, 42, Yorkshire Street, Rochdale ...	0	10	6
Mrs. Fruke, Royds House, Heptonstall	0	10	6
Mrs. Wilson Hey, 163, Wilmslow Road, Withington	0	10	6
Mrs. Heywood, Prior's Gate, Alnwick	0	10	6
Miss Honldey, Durham	0	10	6
Mr. Ceredig Jones, Exchange Street, Liverpool	0	10	6
Mrs. Johnston, Merida, Noctorum	0	10	6
Mr. J. E. Longworth, Fernleigh, Shaw	0	10	6
Mrs. Moon, 131, Lapwing Lane, Withington	0	10	6
Mr. G. C. Paton, Apple Acres, Aughton	0	10	6
Mrs. G. C. Paton, Apple Acres, Aughton	0	10	6
Mr. T. G. Phillips, 24, Hawkshead Street, Southport	0	10	6
Mr. N. Pilling, Briggate, Brighouse	0	10	6
Messrs. Rhodes, Rawlings & Shaw, Square Road, Halifax ...	0	10	6
Messrs. Matthias Robinson, Ltd., Briggate, Leeds	0	10	6
Mrs. Saunders, The Abbey, Carlisle	0	10	6
Miss Ruth Stevens, Grange-over-Sands	0	10	6
Mrs. Louise Sternberg, The Grange, West Didsbury	0	10	6
Mr. G. Stocks, Bradford Road, Brighouse	0	10	6
Mrs. J. H. Sutcliffe, Ashen Croft, Ilkley	0	10	6
Mrs. L. H. Whitaker, Springbank, Werneth, Oldham	0	10	6
Mrs. Alexander, Ash Lea, Heswall	0	10	0
Mrs. J. J. Atkinson, St. Olaves, Blundellsands	0	10	0
Mrs. Churton, Gayton, Heswall	0	10	0
Mr. T. Jackson, Whalley Range, Manchester	0	10	0
Mrs. J. A. Fleming, Hornsea	0	10	0
Mr. D. R. Glover, Freshfield, Headingley, Leeds	0	10	0
Dr. Grant, East Boldon...	0	10	0
Mr. Holden, Fieldhead, Bamford, Rochdale...	0	10	0
Mrs. George King, Beechwood, Holme Road, West Didsbury ...	0	10	0
Mrs. Littler, Winona, Wernen Road, Blundellsands	0	10	0
Lieut. and Mrs. Martin, 27, Marchmont Road, Edinburgh ...	0	10	0
Mrs. Norman Melland, Darleyhurst, Withington	0	10	0
Rev. W. Harston Morris, All Saints' Vicarage, Southport ...	0	10	0
Mrs. P. Ogden, Hillcrest, Rochdale	0	10	0
Mrs. Potts, Midway, Meols Drive, Hoylake	0	10	0
Miss Prestwich, Tirley Garth, Tarporley	0	10	0
Lady Rhodes, Cairnscroft, Holme Road, West Didsbury	0	10	0
Mr. Riddock, Telegraph House, Heswall	0	10	0
Mrs. Rutherford, Heswall	0	10	0
Mrs. Squance, Arundel, Sussex	0	10	0
Mrs. Stuart, Elm House, Crosby Road, Seaforth, Liverpool ...	0	10	0
Mrs. Temple, Gayton Hall, Heswall	0	10	0
Mrs. Vaudrey, Tushingham Hall, Whitchurch, Salop	0	10	0
Miss Wallis, Graham Road, West Kirby	0	10	0
Mr. George Welch, Newcastle	0	10	0
Mr. E. Worsley, Green Street, Middleton	0	10	0
Smaller amounts	42	16	6

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